

What is Wilderness?

The Wilderness Act of 1964 defines Wilderness as:

A wilderness, in contrast with those areas where man and his own works dominate the landscape, is hereby recognized as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain. An area of wilderness is further defined to mean in this Act an area of undeveloped Federal land retaining its primeval character and influence, without permanent improvements or human habitation, which is protected and managed so as to preserve its natural conditions and which (1) generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable; (2) has outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation; (3) has at least five thousand acres of land or is of sufficient size to make practicable its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition; and (4) may also contain ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical value.



Map section taken from Strawberry Mountain Wilderness map, available for purchase at all Malheur National Forest Offices.

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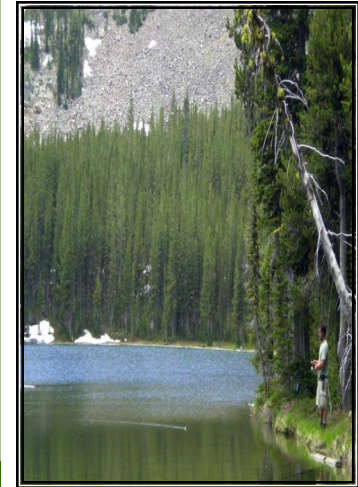
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Meadow Fork Trail #376



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The Meadow Fork Trail is located on the South side of the Strawberry Mountain Range, at the edge of the Strawberry Mountain Wilderness.

This trail ranges in elevation from 5520 ft and climbing to 7840 ft.

This trail can be accessed during the summer months for recreation. The trail is not as busy as some of the other local trails.

This trail is in the wilderness, no mechanized modes of travel are allowed. This includes bicycles, ohv's, or game carts.



What to Look Forward To

This trail affords a more challenging hike, through old growth stands of pine and fir, in the Strawberry Wilderness area. Panoramic views are limited except at the upper end of the trail. Little Riner Basin could be used as a dispersed camp and base for exploring.

Great Hike

This trail makes a great day and multiday hike. The trail is a great starting point for a one day hike to Mud Lake, Little Mud Lake as well as High Lake. For multiday hikes this trail connects with a few different trails to make interesting choices, including Skyline Trail #385, Mud Lake #379. A great trail for diverse experiences. If you are going to build a campfire please stay 100 ft. from water sources and use existing fire rings.

Safety In the Woods

Be prepared for all types of conditions and weather. Bring with you extra food and water, water is very limited the entire length of the trail. Be bear and cougar aware, tie food up in a tree or bring a bear box to protect food, never keep food in your tent. Have a plan for your trip and let your family and friends know where you are planning on going. Do not rely on cell coverage or GPS. Carry a paper map and know how to read it. Plan ahead and be safe.



Trail Information

The trail is 4.5 miles from Strawberry Campground to Slide Lake.

The connected Skyline trail is 2.5 miles from Slide Basin Trail to High Lakes trail head.

Moderate

Directions

From Hwy 26 enter the town of Prairie City, turn onto South Main Street, at the first stop sign turn left. Just around this corner Bridge Street will be on the right side turn onto Bridge Street and follow it all of the way out. This road ends at Strawberry Campground and the trailhead.